John Lawson Assumes Superintendency

Principal's Greetings

As the doors of Shaker High swing open, perhaps a dogging question has followed you, like the storied little lamb, to school this first day. Why are you committing the next ten months—no, the next several decades—of your life to learning, to the glacially cold comforts of scholarship? Why are you surrendering the pleasant indolence of vacation for the hard challenge of school?

If it is because your mother rooted you from your snug bed, primed you unresistingly with breakfast, then aimed you in the general direction of Shaker High, it is doubtful whether it is worth your while or ours. Fortunately, few Shaker students resemble this caricature. If you are like most Shakerites, you are here because to be human means to stretch the mind from far horizon to far horizon. You are here to actively engage yourself in learning, a pursuit that will engross every waking hour of your days for long years ahead. You are here because there are present enjoyments in learning, as well as future delights.

Redoubtable words, these, but I trust they have the ring of truth.

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John Lawson, Superintendent of the Shaker Heights' schools.

System Harvests New Head; Lawson Is Cream at the Top

Shaker's new superintendent of schools, Dr. John Lawson, moved here with his family yesterday. The Shaker Heights Board of Education appointed him to take the position vacated by Dr. Donald Emery.

The Lawson family includes Dr. Lawson, a Navy veteran and a college athlete as well as an educator, Mrs. Helen Lawson, who just received her Masters in education this June from Northeastern University, and the Lawson children: John, 16, Paula, 13, and Jay, 8.

Dr. Lawson's career in education began at the University of New Hampshire after the war where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. He then became both teacher and principal, first at the Antrim, New Hampshire, elementary school, then at a junior high in Salisbury, Massachusetts.

In 1959 Dr. Lawson began studies at Boston University, soon receiving his Doctor of Education. He has been a visiting lecturer at both Boston and Northeastern Universities, speaking on modern mathematics and the philosophy of education.

Since 1961 Dr. Lawson has served the community of Hingham, Massachusetts, in several capacities, not only as superintendent of schools, but also as a library trustee, member of the American Cancer Committee, and chairman of the United Fund. He has been recognized by School Management Magazine with awards for his work in public relations.

Says Dr. John Stanavage of the new superintendent, "It was a real loss when Dr. Emery left Shaker but Dr. Lawson will more than retrieve the loss. He has a direct and prevailing interest in the high school, first, because his son is here, second, because he was a three-sports man in high school himself, and last but not least, because as superintendent of schools Dr. Lawson knows that Shaker High has one-fourth of the students in the city."

New Chairmen Assume Duties

Although the school year is just beginning, the Student Council has already begun its work with the appointment of committee chairmen.

The efficiency of many groups depends on the interest and leadership of their chairmen. They are:

Ron Artz and Al Waller, Safety; Helen Harris, Assembly; Terry Felber and Randy Hughes, Boosters; Alan Kolod, Civics; Nancy Snavely and Gerry Patronite, Publicity; Jeff Aarons, Noon Seminars; Bob Biederman and Barbara Ablon, Class Ring Sales; Susan Galvin, Welfare; Laura Bleiweiss, Student Aid.

Jim Cholfin and Adrienne Meltzer, Honor; Marilyn Fargo, Book Covers; Alan Geismer, Activity Ticket; Barbara Grau, Government Intern. Judy Hill and Susan Haiman, Book Nook; Robin Kovachy, Football and Basketball Programs; Debby Minkin, Lost and Found; Debby Gould and Jack Drury, Student Employment; Alan Geismer and Bob Schumacher, Fall Sports Book; Jeff Guzik, Morning Music; Christy McMahon, Club.

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September Ticket Sale to Support Sports, Shakerite, Drama, Music

By buying an Activity Ticket during the week of September 13-17, every Shaker Student is in a position to get the 1965-66 school year off to a good start.

The Activity Ticket not only entitles the holder to reduced prices on advanced tickets to all Student and Social Council dances, Band concerts, Choir concerts, and Drama Department productions, but also will provide exclusive free admission to several new programs.

Prom Savings

Once again seniors with Activity Tickets are eligible for a full $2.00 discount on the price of their Prom Book. Fifty cents from each card pays for class dues so a successful campaign means improved class functions.

Each ticket includes six sports tickets that can be used at any varsity home game or meet through March 1. Sports tickets purchased through the Activity Ticket cost 43 cents apiece, while the regular advanced sale price is 50 cents and the cost at the gate is one dollar.

Ticket Highlight

The Activity Ticket is the only way for a student to subscribe to *The Shakerite*, the school newspaper and organ of student opinion.

The $5.50 ticket finances nine activities. The Athletic Department receives $2.50, while the *Shakerite* subscription costs $2.00. The balance is distributed among Student Council, Social Council, class dues, girls' athletics, and the music, assembly, and drama funds.

Coke and Skits At Sophs' Party

Shaker High's traditional Big Sister-Little Sister Coke Party in the Girls' Gym this afternoon will officially welcome the sophomore girls to the school. At the get-together these girls will have a chance to meet their classmates and become acquainted with junior and senior girls.

Sophomores will meet their Big Sisters whose responsibility it is to help them as they begin the school year. Members of each class, and, for the first time, members of the Shaker Peppers Club, will present short skits. Nay Sanna, Shaker's football coach, will speak to the girls. Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Social Room.

The Coke Party is sponsored by the Social Council, under the direction of its two secretaries, Sharmon Sollitto and Kathy Kraus. The skits are headed by Sophomores Betsey Stage and Nancy Biello, Junior Margie Abt, and Seniors Joan Meltzer and Cathy Permut.

New Faculty Fill Roster As Sixteen Join Team

Sixteen new teachers will supplement Shaker's faculty this year. They bring new depth and understanding to our already diversified faculty.

Some are hardened veterans. Miss Nancy L. Hollister, formerly Shaker's Social Director, has returned to fill that position. Mr. Gar W. Aikins, new coach for the debate team, has taught English, history, and speech for nine years.

Mrs. Margaret A. King instructed students for four years before coming to Shaker. Mrs. Sharon Eichenbaum returns to Shaker for her fifth year of teaching.

NEWER TO THE TEACHING profession is Miss Jane Howells, who just completed two years of instructing at John Adams. Miss Marjorie S. Fiske has taught chemistry for one and one-half years.

Mrs. Eleana Klopper is not new to Shaker, having served as a guidance counselor, but is joining the English department.

The social studies department boasts the new members Mr. Russel Sheldon, a former Byron teacher; Mr. Jerry R. Graham of Wittenberg University, and Miss Dorothy McIntyre, a former John Hay Fellow.

Mr. Charles R. Zimmerman of Pemberville, Ohio, and Miss Patricia L. Gleason, a graduate of Wheaton College enter Shaker as new guidance counselors.

Miss Mary Ellen Leuty of Chardon High School joins the Physical Education Department.

Mrs. Virginia Hoffman joins Shaker's staff of librarians after extensive experience in New York and Galion, Ohio.

The Spanish Department receives Miss Virginia Thomas of the University of New Mexico. Miss Elaine Lokar of Euclid, Ohio, will instruct Shaker girls in the art of homemaking.

The newcomers met with Dr. Stanavage and administrators last Friday to begin familiarizing themselves with the various facets of school life. In the all-day session they also learned about the supplementary teaching aids and equipment available to them.

Norwegian Liv's At Ostrums Three AFSers Go and Come

American Field Service is a big program at Shaker this year. Liv Sand from Christiansen, Norway, has made Shaker her new home while seniors Jim Anderson, Geoff Kern, and Shelly Pollock have traveled to three different corners of the world.

Immediately after arriving in the States, Liv left for a trip to Colorado with her American family, the Dean Ostrums. She is a senior but will have to repeat 12th grade in Norway.

Shaker's Jim Anderson spent his summer in Bombay, India. His family, the Bongalis, had eight children, seven girls and a boy. The entire family spoke English except his mother. While there Jim audited a college course in Greek Literature and visited the Taj Mahal in Delhi.

Geoff Kern lived in a small town, Takarazuka, Japan, near Osaka during the summer. His family, the Dannos, consisted of three boys and two girls. Geoff went to Oteman High School in Osaka where he studied math, physics, Chinese, and Japanese grammar.

Shelly Pollock will be living in Brussels, Belgium, until July, 1966. He lives with the Jean Lancsweerts. Shelly will go with his brother, 17, to a Dutch high school where he will study 14 subjects as well as take American Problems via correspondence in order to graduate with his class from Shaker.

"A geisha house already?" exclaims Geoff Kern. His brother calmly explains that this is his family.

Council Phoenix Rises From Ashes of Its Past

A school organization which seemed to have contracted a fatal disease is showing signs of recovery. The Social Council, an organ of the student body which in the past has had too many problems and too few successes, may perhaps this year become a dynamic force in school life.

SOCIAL COUNCIL WAS CONSISTENTLY PLAGUED by difficulties: poor relations with Student Council and student body, chaotic organization, apathy, lack of imaginative planning. This year, however, may prove to be different. Already members of the Social Council's executive board have brainstormed to find means to strengthen their crumbling organization.

Hoping to combat structural difficulties, the council leaders will propose some amendments to the constitution. Tentative plans also call for daily opening of the snack bar and utilization of the Elbow Room, as well as the Social Room, as a gathering place. Committees have already started working on social events, and people interested in committee work will be asked to help, not ignored as they were last year.

TOPPING THE LIST OF PROPOSALS is a Homecoming, planned for the weekend of November 13. Scheduled for the event are an assembly, elections for a queen, the Brush football game, and a Saturday night dance.

If the council leaders can retain the energy and enthusiasm displayed thus far, the Social Council could become a repected, efficient, worth-while and successful organization.

Summer Planning Sets Student Council Course

A school's activities don't just happen; organization demands thought and planning by individuals who are willing to give time to these endeavors. Without the work of these people, the opening of school would be chaotic. Various Student Council members and committees have used summer time to plan some of the activities which open the school year.

The Civics Committee has spent many long hours in the planning of a Leadership Day. On an appointed Saturday, Student Council members will attend seminars on three topics: parliamentary procedure, the purpose of the council, and group dynamics; the seminars will help acquaint members with Council procedures.

The Assembly Committee has worked for the last few weeks on the Sophomore Orientation Program. This aids the sophomore class in becoming familiar with the functions of the school in an effortless manner.

During the summer the Student Council has begun plans for dances, such as the Derby Dance. These affairs not only help break the tension of the opening of school, but also give students a chance to get to know one another.

As a result of the work of the Student Council, school has gotten under way to a smooth start. If the Council continues such dynamic work, this year will be a great one for Shaker.

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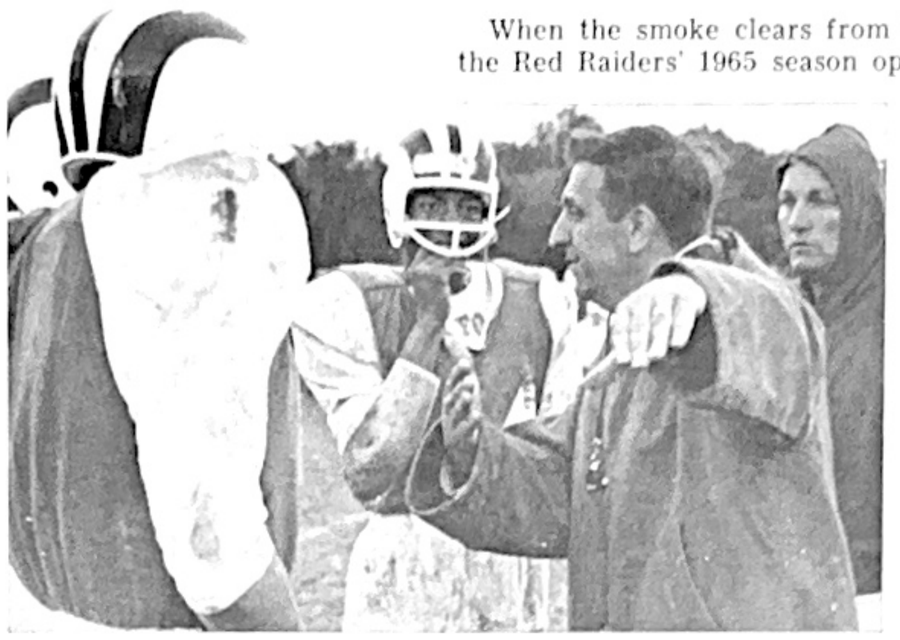
Gridders Feature Offense; Geared to Floor Mustangs

When the smoke clears from the Maple Heights gridiron after the Red Raiders' 1965 season opener on Friday night, Coach Nay Sanna and staff will see how much the squad has benefitted from these grueling weeks of summer practice.



Coach Nay Sanna: "Go two blocks and turn left. You can't miss it."

From the 140 boys who came out in mid-August, many varsity and J.V. stalwarts have survived the rigors of training, learning, and applying, and are priming for the forthcoming schedule.

IN A VICTORIOUS scrimmage against Warrensville, August 28, the Sannamen, getting their first taste of competition, displayed flashes of their brilliant potential. Coach Sanna was satisfied with the Red and White's attack, but expressed some concern for the defense.

With an offensive line averaging over 180 pounds per bull, the backfield had time to experiment on the ground and in the air. However, the stallions of the Work Horse eleven had yet to jell as a coordinated unit, a weakness Coach Sanna has set about to remedy.

Ten returning lettermen make up the core of the squad. They are Rodd Heinlen, quarterback; Bob Hanna, halfback; co-captain Bob Schumacher, end; Vito Gruttadauria, place kicker; Bruce Hume, tackle; Ken Alexander, guard; Sterling Collier, tackle; Al Waller, guard; Bill Theisen, tackle; and co-captain Randy Hughes, center.

HOPES ALSO RUN high for halfback Bill Bannon and offensive tackle Bill Reed. The coaches are pleased too with sophomore Lavelle Ashley.

Co-captain Bob Schumacher stated, "I think we're strong enough to hold our own in the L.E.L., but we need the support of the school at every game to spark the team's confidence."

Anchorman

by Alan Geismer

"If" seems to be about the best word to describe the outlook for the Red Raiders. Although the '65 Sanamen appear a bit short on experience, they tower in potential.

With five returning linemen, Shaker's offensive unit should be the team's forte. If quarterback Rodd Heinlen can get all the protection that the beef of the line can give, Coach Sanna can spring loose either halfback Bob Hanna or ends Bob Schumacher and Bill Taylor for a more wide-open passing attack. However, Mr. Sanna still needs another good halfback and a powerful fullback to divert some of the pressure on the ends and Hanna.

Defense Important

The Workhorse Eleven defense felt the pains of graduation the most. Shaker's defense centers around the ability of its "crashing linebackers." Last year's pair, Desberg and Krumlauf, were both all league, but they both graduated, so unless their vacancies are capably filled, the scores of the games may read like basketball tallies.

On Friday night the gridders lift the curtain against Maple Heights. While the first L.E.L. clash is still three weeks away, the games with Maple, South, and Holy Name will serve as testing grounds before the league contests. If through summer and practice and these pre-league skirmishes the Raiders can gain not only poise and experience but also student support and spirit, the sky is the limit for the Drive of '65.

Stanavage Greeting

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Shaker High has been a superlative school across the years, but only because its students have had high aspirations and firm resolves. In 1965-1966, we shall pen a new chapter in the chronicles of our school. Next June let us be able to postscript our efforts with that plangent cry of Shakespeare's: "Oh brave, bold school that has such students in it."

Now to the grimmer realities of plain, hard work and that 7:00 a.m. alarm.

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